

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 35-A: PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
**Chapter 27: INSPECTION OF METERS AND CIVIL LIABILITY**

**§2707. CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES TO UTILITY PROPERTY**

A person may not intentionally, knowingly or recklessly damage, destroy or tamper with property of a utility having no reasonable grounds to believe that the person has a right to do so if such conduct creates a risk of interruption or impairment of services rendered to the public or causes a substantial interruption or impairment of services rendered to the public. A person who violates this section is liable in a civil action to the utility owning the property affected for: [ 2007, c. 553, §3 (NEW) . ]

**1. Cost of repair or replacement.** The cost of repair or replacement of the utility property, as necessary;

[ 2007, c. 553, §3 (NEW) . ]

**2. Other costs.** All other reasonable costs to the utility, including attorney's fees and costs of undertaking and completing the investigation resulting in a determination of liability under this section; and

[ 2007, c. 553, §3 (NEW) . ]

**3. Civil penalty.** A civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 due and payable to the utility for each violation of this section.

[ 2007, c. 553, §3 (NEW) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2007, c. 553, §3 (NEW) .

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